











July 5, 2018

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Meetings

Beautification Commission - Monday, July 9, 8:30 a.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Youth Assistance - Tuesday, July 10, 8 a.m. - Community Center

Arts Commission - Wednesday, July 11, 7 p.m. - Art House

Board of Zoning Appeals - Wednesday, July 11, 7 p.m. - Council Chambers - City Hall

Agendas and minutes are available by clicking here

This Just In...

City Council recap

July 2, 2018

City Master Plan - City Council approved amendments to the 2018 updated plan, following a 42-day review by area communities with no objections. The amendments allow the following:

- Greater density in the Cady Street Subarea Plan and properties abutting it
- An emphasis on mixed-use projects
- Eliminate a reference to the City regarding streetscape improvements in the South Center Street Subarea Plan
- Use the zoning ordinance to govern height and allow flexibility through the Planned Unit Development process
- Eliminate references to specific locations and responsible party for site design and public amenities
- Support renovation and re-development of existing upper-floor residential units in the downtown as a secondary use, and provide density guidelines for such residential use.

Traffic control - Police Chief Michael Carlson proposed a new traffic control order that adds new or repurposed parking spaces to the west end of downtown Northville, following recommendations by the Parking Committee. City Council approved the request. In the order, two two-hour parking spaces on Wing will be converted to 15-minute spaces to accommodate the new coffee shop, Sweet Brew 'N Spice Café, in Northville Square. A total of six parking spaces will be added on both sides of Main St., west of Wing, for emergency vehicles only. In the half-circle in front of City Hall, the order calls for four marked parking spaces and one through lane.

Council member Nancy Darga reported that she went to SEMCOG meeting and learned that Michigan spends far less on road construction than surrounding states. Mayor Roth added that, per capita, Michigan spends less on road construction and repair than any state in the nation.

There were no public comments.

Watch the video here.

A glorious day for the Independence Day parade



Photos by Liz Cezat

Amid sunny skies and near 90-degree weather, the annual Independence Day partite from the fit of th



Spectators near Town Square and all along the parade route got an up-close view of the marchers, bands and floats.

Northville loves a parade

Residents and visitors put out their chairs for the best viewing of the Independence Day parade, jointly managed this year by the Northville Community Foundation and Northville Chamber of Commerce. Check out the City's Facebook page for a photogallery.



Photo by Liz Cezat

From left, Aleks Holdorf; his mom, Audra; brother Kajus, of Novi; and aunt Amy Holdorf, of Worchester, Mass.



Photo by Liz Cezat

David Zatkoff, of Bloomfield Hills, walks past a row of chairs.

Guidelines for residents who plan to set off fireworks over the holidays



Even though the 4th of July is over, consumer-grade fireworks - such as roman candles, bottle rockets and other aerial explosives - are allowed by the State of

Michigan until midnight on July 5.

It is unlawful to ignite fireworks on public property, school grounds, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission. Violation carries a \$500 fine. Also, it is a misdemeanor for a person to use fireworks while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The penalty is 30 days in prison, a fine of \$500, or both.

The current fireworks law, P.A. 256, went into effect on Jan. 1, 2012. An amendment in 2013 allows local municipalities to set their own restrictions on fireworks usage, except during the day and evening hours of federal holidays and the day before and after the holiday. You can read the "Michigan Fireworks Safety Act" here.

Fireworks law has drawn citizen objections

Many residents have complained about the state's restrictions governing the fireworks ordinance in the City of Northville. If you would like to see the law changed regarding local control of fireworks, please contact your state representative or state senator. Find them here.

"Please be considerate of your neighbors if you plan to set off fireworks," said Northville Mayor Ken Roth, "Many residents are particularly sensitive to the noise from fireworks' explosions. The noise carries for blocks and can be disturbing to many veterans, children, the elderly and even pets."

If you are buying fireworks, make sure the seller has a certification from the Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. See the <u>LARA website</u> for a list of sellers. Buyers must be 18 years or older.

Who to call for complaints on and around the holiday

If you have questions or concerns about noise or unlawful use of fireworks, please contact the Northville Dispatch Center at 248-349-1234. If you see an injury or a fire caused by fireworks, please call 911. If using a cell phone, be prepared to report your location to the dispatcher.

Northville adds two electric vehicle (EV) charging stations



Photo provided by James Zolynsky, Up2Go.

A ribbon-cutting event was held June 28 to usher in two parking spaces for electric vehicles ibbon, whiting exerts one ned the parking spaces for electric rehinles to the parking spaces for electric

Northville Mayor Ken Roth was among the ribbon-cutters, aided by Lori Ward, director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and Manfred Schon, CEO of Up2Go, a cloud-based project management firm. City Council members Sam Ekong, Patrick Giesa and Marilyn Price also attended.

To get people revved up about electric vehicles, guests viewed a Tesla on display. The EV stations will put Northville on the map of charging sites in metro Detroit - a big consideration for drivers who plan their route with the ability to recharge their electric vehicles along the way. The electricity cost for the first 18 months will be covered by Up2Go, which teamed up with the DDA to install the two charging stations in Northville.

Up2Go, an international company, can view the EV charging stations from their downtown Northville office windows. The company managed the project, supplied the equipment and installation. The electric vehicle charging stations have Clipper Creek (standard level 2) charging capabilities.

To help attract EV owners to visit downtown Northville, the stations will be registered on ChargeHub, PlugShare, Plug in America, and will appear on maps that show recharging stations.



Photo by Liz Cezat

This photo was taken prior to the unveiling.

Events / Things to Do

Thursdays, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Farmer's Market



Shop at the Northville Farmers' Market at the corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon Road for a bounty of delicious, locally sourced food for your table from farmers and merchants. It's a festive day with 70 stalls of Michigan-made and Michigan-grown products, along with booths of crafts, art, jewelry, furniture and more. Gardeners can shop for plants and flowers and ask questions of master gardeners. Park on site or across the street at Northville Downs. This event is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

NORTHVILLE DAY NIGHT CONCERTS

Presenting Sponsor



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MAY Northville High School Jazz Band

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JUNE Theo Gridiron - Pure Detroit Soul

22 Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Community Financial Credit Union



JULY Randy Brock - Blues

JULY Social Bandits - Rock/Funk/Blues

JULY Gia Warner - Rock Classic

Town Square 20 Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Varsity Lincoln, St. Mary Mercy

JULY Groove Therapy - Classic Rock

Sponsors: Tom Holzer Ford, Community Financial Credit Union, LoveWell Home Care, Varsity Lincoln, Monroe Bank & Trust

AUG Buy Michigan Now Festival

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AUG Shawn Riley - Celtic / Classic Rock

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AUG Paddle Bots - Soul/Pop

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at Maybury

Mondays, July 2- August 20 7:00 p.m.

Maybury State Park Trailhead

(Eight Mile Road entrance)

Entertainment Schedule

July 2: Rise Again

(folk/classic rock)

July 9: Undecideds (acoustic)

July 16: High Street Band

(classic garage)

July 23: The Mayburys (garage)

July 30: John Campbell & Friends

August 6: Detroit Social Club

(soul/Motown/blues)

August 13: Northville Strings Students

(symphonic/strings)

August 20: Busted By Nine (classic rock)

Maybury State Park Office (248) 349~8390 Ride your bike, bring a picnic and enjoy Monday night music at Maybury State Park. FREE Family friendly entertainment

Concerts made by possible by the donations and efforts of these organizations:

- Northville Community Foundation
- General RV—Wixom
- Friends of Maybury State Park

All vehicles entering the park are required to have a Recreation Passport. Passports may be purchased at the Self Registration Kiosk at each park entrance.





Wednesday, July 11 Country Garden Club of Northville Garden Walk 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The 25th anniversary of the Country Garden Club of Northville Garden Walk will showcase six private gardens in Northville paired with festivities at the Cady Inn at Mill Race Village. Members of the garden club will have decorated the inn for the day of the garden walk. They invite guests to the garden market, hear live music by local musicians and enjoy freshly baked cookies. Guests can enter a drawing to win a special anniversary prize.

Tickets are available at <u>Gardenviews</u> for \$12 in advance, or <u>by mail</u> (order by July 4). On the day of the event, the cost is \$15 and tickets will be available at Mill Race Village. The event is a fundraiser that supports local organizations and education. <u>Visit the club's website</u> to learn more.

Business

Streetlights

Streetlight out? Businesses and residents can report streetlight outages online. This link goes directly to the DTE streetlight outage reporting tool.

Businesses and residents who have a DTE wooden power pole on or adjacent to their property are eligible to have outdoor protective lighting installed on the pole to illuminate their private property. Residents may even qualify for no up-front cost installation. Please call 866-503-0627 and leave a detailed message that includes name, address, city, zip code and phone number with area code for a DTE representative to contact you within 3 business days.

Online payments for utility bills and taxes

If you want the convenience of paying taxes and utilities online, you can do so by visiting the City's website and using the services of Point & Pay, which processes the payment and charges a convenience fee. Click here and select either Property Tax and Assessing Lookup or Utility Bill Statement and Payments from the Quick Links menu (left side, green column). Search for your property and click on the "Pay Online" button. You will be re-directed to the Point & Pay website to make a payment.

Fees:

Credit Cards: 3% Fee (min. \$2)

E-Checks: Flat fee of \$3, up to \$10,000 and flat fee of \$10 for anything over

\$10,000

Around Town

Historic Resource Council 2017 Directory is available

City Hall has a copy of the Historic Resource Council 2017 Directory, which lists architects, contractors, suppliers and others who specialize in historic preservation, rehabilitation and adaptation of historic structures and houses. This directory will interest residents of historic homes, owners of businesses in historic buildings and others who own property or are involved in the City's Historic District. The book can be viewed at City Hall and online at Michigan Historic Preservation Network's website. (see the publications page).

Days and times to water your lawn and garden

The City of Northville uses mandatory outdoor watering restrictions to reduce the amount of water used during peak hours of demand from our supplier, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA).

Residents with automatic sprinkling systems may water their grass between midnight and 5 a.m. on odd or even days of the month, based on your house address. If your address ends with an even number, e.g. 200, you may water during unrestricted times only on even days, such as the 20th and 22nd. If your address ends with an odd number, e.g. 201, you may water during unrestricted times only on odd days, such as 21st and 23st.

Residents who connect a hose to the City water system may water their lawn and gardens between 11 a.m. and midnight on either odd or even days, based on your house address. (See examples above.)

Residents who do not follow these restrictions are committing a civil infraction and may be issued a ticket, which cost \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for repeat offenses. If you use water from a private well, please notify the City's Department of Public Works so patrols aren't made to check your water use.

At Home

Brush collection program

The City of Northville allows residents to place branches at the curb without bundling or bagging them. Branches 6 feet long and up to 6 inches in diameter can be placed at the curb for removal by the City's solid waste collection contractor.

Residents can dispose of large piles of branches by placing them at the curb. Every Tuesday, year-round, a crew will come through each neighborhood and chip any branches left at the curb. Branches must be in the street right-of-way (between the street and the sidewalk). Simply stack the branches neatly behind the curb with

the cut ends facing the street.

We cannot take roots, stumps dirt, lumber, railroad ties or any wood with metal in it. Residents can dispose of firewood pieces and stumps with their normal weekly garbage (Maximum 35 gallon cans and 60 lb. weight limit).

Residents may need to rake up small branches after the large brush piles are removed.

Northville Police Department has free gun safety locks

Don't take the risk of having an unlocked gun get into the wrong hands - especially if you have young children and teenagers. Stop in at the Northville Police Department lobby to get your free gun safety lock. There are no forms to fill out and no waiting.

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